

Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council

Agreed Minutes of Meeting 11th February 2021

Present: Cllr Colin Woodley (Chair), Cllr Richard Jones (Vice Chair), Cllr Lynwen Law, Cllr Jenny Myring, Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach, Cllr Jenny Edwards, Cllr Margaret Amos, Cllr Ceri Woodley, Cllr Morien Morgan, Cllr Debbie Smart, Cllr Non Thomas, Cllr Claire Matsell

Attending: CBC Graham Thomas, CBC Karen Morgan, Alan Bowring BBNP

Apologies: Cllr Carol Hindley, Cllr Adrian Harford,

2021/018- Disclosures of Personal Interest

Cllrs Colin Woodley, Debbie Smart and Margaret Amos disclosed an interest as they are potential trustees of the Waterfalls organisation.

2021/019 - PCSO report

The PCSO provided the following written report:

We have mainly been responding to Covid Breach calls throughout the Cynon Valley. It has been a very good month in Hirwaun and Penderyn, low levels of ASB in the area and not much intelligence has been received in regards to drugs. There seems to be a big improvement in this area of drug related ASB.

There was nothing to report to the PCSO.

2021/020 – County Borough Cllr reports

CBC Karen Morgan provided Cllrs with a verbal report but was unable to provide it in the agreed written format due to technical difficulties.

Cllrs reported the following matters to CBC Morgan:

Cllr Richard Jones reported (on behalf of Cllr Adrian Harford) on the issue of cars racing between the Rhigos and Hirwaun roundabouts. CBC Morgan replied that she is liaising with the PCSO on this matter and encouraged residents to log these incidents with the PCSO.

Cllr Jenny Edwards reported that the condition of the pedestrian bridge at the ironworks is deteriorating. CBC Morgan reported that no progress has been made on the repairs to the bridge as yet.

Cllr Lynwen Law enquired about Covid vaccines for the housebound.

CBC Graham Thomas provided the following written report:

- Lights at 4 & 15 Bryn Onnen - Reported to Street Lighting.
- Hanson Notice Board - I have notified Planning and Highways to advise on any permissions required.
- Enviroparks Update - The report is due for completion. The committee date is 'expected' in early March and the date should be confirmed next week. The report will be available a week before the committee date together with information on how to apply to speak at committee and the deadline for applications to arrive, usually up to two days before the committee date.
- Penderyn Quarry Liaison Group - Discussion included the following:
 - Complaints over the last year include Dust; Noise; Odour;
 - Transportation; Including highway pollution itself causing dust/including at the school and engulfing pupils walking to the school.
 - Also, stones falling off lorries into gardens and cars at the bend at Trebanog Terrace.While complaints have been few over the December/Xmas period and Winter months this increases from April to November and last year had a visible and substantial increase. With Environmental notice issued during that period. A great proportion of complaints appear to be related to the Road Stone Coating Plant particularly in terms of Dust; Noise and Odour. While planning conditions have been improved in relation to mitigating the main Quarry activities (Note Twyn Y Glog Ridge Reserve Swap) the Road Stone Coating Plant that was constructed under permitted development is not covered by those conditions with the subsequent reliance on Environmental regulations as monitored by RCT Council. Blasting vibration causing concern with vibration affecting local housing and fuelling complaints and concerns about the impact on property. Electricity switches were also tripped last May at Beacons Park. Blasting and vibration impacting as far away as the school (tripping of alarms) and vibration experienced at housing further afield. Selection of vacant residents position. It was agreed for a four year term to apply in residents section and the full selection to operate co-terminus with Council elections. This vacancy and those arising between terms to be filled by co-option after advertising locally as with the full selection process.
- Cynon Valley Gateway Scheme - The planning application is due to be submitted on 25th February 2021.

Cllrs had nothing to report to CBC Thomas.

2021/021 – Waterfalls Project update

Unfortunately, two of the officers from BBNP were not in attendance. Cllrs thanked Alan Bowring for attending and agreed to re-schedule this agenda to the March meeting.

2021/022 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the Meeting of 14th January 2021 were proposed to be true and accurate by Cllr Jenny Myring and seconded by Cllr Richard Jones and agreed nem con.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

2021/023 – Repairs to the Old Fire Station

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the grant application that has been submitted to cover the cost of these repairs.

2021/024– Penderyn Christmas Lights

The Executive Officer provided an update on the funds received from Hanson to cover the cost of the new lights. It was agreed to seek permission from RCT to install an additional 4 lights at the site of the War Memorial. It was also agreed that a sub committee of Penderyn Cllrs would be formed when the ex-hire stock becomes available to purchase. **Action 1** – Executive Officer to continue with this.

2021/025 – Penderyn Community Centre Grant

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the further email received from Penderyn Community Centre outlining their displeasure at the information included in our January minutes in relation to the termination of their grant. An update was provided in conjunction with the Information Commissioner's Office Vexatious Comments policy, which showed that most of the emails received from the Community Centre could have been deemed as vexatious. It was agreed to add the approval of this policy to the March agenda. **Action 2** – Executive Officer to add this to the March agenda.

2021/026 – Hole in the Road at Richmond Drive, Hirwaun

Cllr Jenny Edwards confirmed that this matter had been referred to Vikki Howells MS.

2021/027 – Quad Bikes on Arcway

The Executive Officer provided Cllrs with the update from the Area Warden at BBNP. Cllrs raised further comments in relation to the condition of the arcway and the number of keys issued. **Action 3** – Cllr Jenny Edwards to provide a photo of the issue. Executive Officer to raise further questions with the Area Warden and to invite him to a site visit to discuss the issues in person.

2021/028 – Penderyn Quarry Liaison Committee Vacancy

The co-option of this vacancy was discussed and Cllr Debbie Smart confirmed that she will apply for this vacancy via the appropriate channels.

2021/029 – Save A Life Cymru

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on this campaign which the Community Council is supporting.

2021/030 – Keep Wales Safe Campaign

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on this campaign which the Community Council is supporting.

2021/031 – NHS Day 5th July

It was agreed to postpone finalising the arrangements for this day until closer to the time so that Covid restrictions at that time can be taken into account. The Executive Officer confirmed that the save the date information had been added to the Facebook page.

2021/032 – Planters for Hirwaun

The Executive Officer updated Cllrs on the current Groundwork Wales project which ends in March. It was agreed that planters would be installed if more funding becomes available with Groundwork Wales should the project renew.

2021/033 - Planning Applications

- Demolition of single storey lean to conservatory and construction of a two storey rear extension – Cysgod Y Tarfarn, Church Rd, Penderyn,
- EIA screening opinion request or solar photovoltaic panels and ancillary infrastructure – Land at Bryngolwg Farm, Rhigos Rd, Hirwaun,
- Change of use from commercial premises to residential dwelling – 77 Brecon Road, Hirwaun.

2021/034 – Old Fire Station Lease

Cllrs discussed the template lease drafted for the Old Fire Station. The Executive Officer advised that she is not qualified to advise on the legalities of this lease and that appropriate advice should be sought. It was agreed that a sub committee be formed to review the document and appropriate advice should then be sought. **Action 4** – Executive Officer and sub committee to continue with this.

221/035 – SLCC Membership

It was agreed that the Community Council's membership of SLCC be renewed. This was proposed by Cllr Richard Jones, seconded by Cllr Lynwen Law, and agreed nem con.

2021/036 - Community Councillors reports:

Cllr Richard Jones provided an update on his progress as Sight Loss Champion, and confirmed that he has applied to speak at the Enviroparks planning meeting on behalf of the Community Council.

Cllr Lynwen Law reported that the lid of the dog waste bin outside the old Butchers Arms does not close. **Action 5** – Executive Officer to report to RCT.

Cllr Jenny Edwards discussed designing a spring activity sheet for children. It was agreed to take this forward via a sub committee. **Action 6** – Sub committee to take this forward.

Cllr Margaret Amos reported a positive response from residents in relation to the fruit trees recently planted in Penderyn. Two streetlights on Dolgynog were reported to be not working. **Action 7** – Executive Officer to report the lights to RCT.

Cllr Morien Morgan asked if a retirement card could be sent to the dentist in recognition of her long service at her dental practice in the village. **Action 8** – Executive Officer to arrange this. It was also reported that the NRW meeting at Cae Felin Parc in relation to the floods were not well attended by residents. Finally, it was reported that a section of the pathway between John's Lane and the Glancynon is in need of repair. **Action 9** - Executive Officer to report to RCT.

Cllr Debbie Smart reported that she had been in touch with The Red Lion to make sure that they were aware that planning permission had been granted for the repair of the

wall at St Cynog's Church, and the conditions attached to it. The Red Lion advised that a couple of stone masons had already been out as part of the tender process.

2021/037 – Executive Officer's report

The Executive Officer recited the bills paid for the month which included:

Print Partnership - £5.04	Daisy Communications - £74.50
OVW Cllrs training - £30.00	SLCC - £234.00
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Consultations:

- Electoral review of RCT.
- RCT Budget consultation Phase 2
- Ombudsman Wales – The Code of Conduct guidance.

The Council had received the following correspondence:

- Connecting with your local community – A guide for Welsh Community & Town Cllrs.
- One Voice Wales – Additional free training places Cllrs for core modules funded by Welsh Government. Cllrs agreed to take up these training sessions. Cllrs approved the cost of the Executive Officer attending the advanced finance training offered.
- Welsh Government - Preparation and publication of Statutory Financial Accounts 2020/21
- The National Library of Wales are asking our permission to add our website as part of the UK web archive. Cllrs agreed to this request.
- Dangos Training - A free Welsh Government initiative to provide basic benefits/financial information to those who work in the frontline with the community. Cllrs agreed to request a full council training session on this. **Action 10** – Executive Officer to arrange this.
- Eden Project Virtual Community Camp 2021 – A free initiative offering a mix of practical activities, workshop sessions and networking opportunities which is designed for people who want to develop ideas, activities or projects to improve their communities. **Action 11** – Executive Officer to forward the information to Cllrs for them to sign up if they wish.

Other:

- Cllrs approved the cost of the Executive Officer attending SLCC's Virtual Practitioner's Conference 2021.
- The Executive Officer advised Cllrs on the time left to spend the CIL money received from the new Co-op site. Cllrs agreed to refer the matter to the Village Improvements committee. **Action 12** – Village Improvements committee to continue with this.

2021/038 - Urgent items at the Chair's discretion

There were no urgent items to discuss.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Agreed